

REMARKS

Considering first the restriction requirement, the restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The Examiner takes the position that the three invention Groups do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1; yet, all three invention groups were considered in the International Search Report (INSA). Accordingly, it is submitted Groups I, II and III should all be examined in a single application.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, so as to be fully responsive, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse claim Group I (claims 1-23 and 27-45) drawn to fuel cell system.

Regarding the Species election requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species A, and claims 1-7 and 16-23.

In summary, Applicants elect, with traverse claim Group I, and without traverse Species A, claims 1-7 and 16-32, and request that non-elected claims be maintained in this application, without further action, for possible rejoinder or for filing of a divisional application.

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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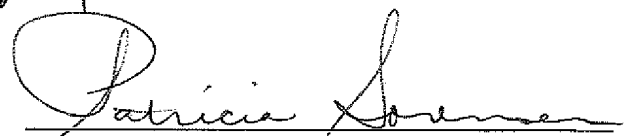
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